

Senate Resolution 868

By: Senators James of the 35th, Dugan of the 30th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Douglas County School System and commending it for its increased
2 graduation rates; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the four-year graduation rate for the Douglas County School System's class of
4 2015 is 88.2, the highest rate achieved in the district in several years; and

5 WHEREAS, this rate is a 12.6-point increase above the 2014 rate of 75.6, exceeds the 2015
6 Georgia rate of 78.8, and is higher than the 2015 rate of several metro-Atlanta school
7 districts; and

8 WHEREAS, using the adjusted cohort model, Alexander High School has increased from
9 87.1 to 89.7, Chapel Hill High School has increased from 79.8 to 89.6, Douglas County High
10 School has increased from 75.1 to 87.0, Lithia Springs High School has increased from 62.9
11 to 87.7, and New Manchester High School has increased from 75.6 to 89.3; and

12 WHEREAS, some specific variables that led to the graduation rate increases are the
13 significant increases in graduation rates for students with disabilities, the introduction of
14 programs aiding personalized learning for students, and the addition of school improvement
15 positions that focus on academic areas and school accountability; and

16 WHEREAS, these increases were also made possible with the help of the Douglas County
17 School System's students, teachers, principals, parents, and Student Achievement and
18 Leadership Department; and

19 WHEREAS, the school system has recently experienced other successes, including reaching
20 the second consecutive year of improvement in ACT scores and the third consecutive year
21 of improvement in SAT scores; and

22 WHEREAS, Governor Nathan Deal also helped facilitate and emphasize increased
23 graduation rates and the importance of a high school diploma when signing House Bill 91
24 on March 30, 2015.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize the Douglas County School System, commend it for its increased graduation rates,
27 and wish it continued success in the future.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Douglas
30 County School System.